



Placer County
Wastewater Advisory Committee

County Environmental Health ♦ 3091 County Center Dr. Suite

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MINUTES

May 6, 2008
CDRA Cypress Room

I. **Call to Order**

Guy Ostenson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. **Preliminary Items**

A. **Role Call and Determination of Forum**

Dave Spannagel, Tibor Banathy, Rick Bluhm, Kevin Bell, Mark Navo, Guy Ostenson, Bill Carpenter, David Honeycutt, Marc Lindbloom, and Dave Buck were present. Cathy Spence-Wells and Mike Broyer were absent.

A quorum was established.

B. **Introduction of Guests**

Rick McCauley attended the meeting as a guest. Leslie Lindbo, Jill Pahl, Mohan Ganapathy and Diana Angus attended the meeting representing Environmental Health.

C. **Minutes Review**

Rick Bluhm made a motion to accept the corrected minutes from February 5, 2008 as written.

D. **Correspondence and Public Comment**

None

E. **Agenda Review**

Leslie Lindbo reviewed the current meeting agenda. Informational items Drip and Fill, Experimental Systems status, recent developments with fees. Action items included On-Site Sewage Ordinance revisions and goals. Timeline to be discussed and recommended changes to the Ordinance.

III. **Informational Non-Action Items**

A. **Status of Drip and Fill**

Environmental Health Services received correspondence from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. They discussed the status of and provided recommendations to proceed. Environmental Health Services has notified the proponent that Environmental Health Services is open to limited use for repair, but not for new onsite installations.

B. Status of Experimental Systems in Placer County

Mohan Ganapathy presented a spreadsheet to the group with data for Experimental systems documenting system performance to date. Mohan can get historical data on sand filters also if needed. Advantex system performance and servicing was discussed. When inspecting a system, it may be a good idea to get a sample, then service the unit and do another sample to get “snapshots” of the system to make sure the system is working properly. Follow up samples may be needed when numbers are high. Ongoing, data needs to be collected on these systems for a good idea of how they are performing.

C. Status of Environmental Health Services Fees Proposal

Environmental Health Services fee change status was presented by Jill Pahl. It was heard by the Board of Supervisors on April 29, 2008. A 3-year phase in model was decided upon and will be analyzed again at the end of this year and again in 2009. The goal is to stop receiving funds from the county general fund. The fees issue will be heard at the Board of Supervisors meeting for consent on May 27th. The new fees will reflect the “true cost of service.” Jill Pahl will mail a corrected fee schedule to the WAC Committee members.

IV. Action Items

Some preliminary discussion began on the topic of the Placer County On-Site Sewage Ordinance and Manual Revision. Leslie Lindbo reviewed some of the changes. The Variance Specifics section was omitted and replaced with a new section. Definitions in both the Ordinance and the manual are the same. This was met with some opposition from the committee and will be reviewed by the County Council. AB885 has been considered as changes are done. Industry standard language will be used in the documentation where appropriate.

The goals of the On Site Manual were also presented by Leslie Lindbo. There were some suggested changes to the goals. Leslie agreed to revise the goals and resend the document to the members. After some discussion it was agreed that further comments on the draft Ordinance revision should be continued until the next meeting. The item was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

V. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

The draft revision of the On Site Sewage Ordinance document will be emailed to the committee members for their review. This will be the topic of discussion in the June 3rd, 2008 meeting.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM